CTTAB
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April 11, 2006 Minutes
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower
27th Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Present	Absent
Leah Altaras	Todd Achilles
Bill Baron	
Charles Brennick	**Visitors**
Maryann Budlong	Mehmet Kocukgoz
Paul Green	Robert Hill
Harry Hart, III	
Pwint Htun	**Staff**
Damien Koemans	David Keyes
Andrea Lee	Jill Novik
Jerry Lin	Tony Perez
Nina Sanders	Bill Schrier
Shivani Tejuja	Terry Wittman
Excused	
Huat Chye Lim	
Manny Ovena	
Ann Robinson	

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The March, 2006 minutes were approved as written. Chair Budlong provided an opportunity for public comment.

2. CTO Report: Bill Schrier
See attached.

3. SeaStats: Terry Wittman
Wittman reported that the site is successfully under way, with 1200 hits/day at first, and now about 250 per day. The second wave of information will be launched at the end of May or early June and the third wave at the end of July. Keyword search is not yet available.

Baron asked what publicity there was. Wittman replied that they wanted to get the first 16 areas up before publicizing. She added that she had talked with Pwint about working with the CTC's to get feedback and she will also be talking with departments.

Htun complimented Terry and her team for the great work in getting SeaStats launched.

4. Committee Reports:

Technology Matching Fund: Nina Sanders reported that the committee is reviewing applications and will conduct interviews starting April 13. There were 24 eligible groups requesting $240,000 with $100,000 to give. CTTAB will vote on allocations at the May meeting. Budlong commented that CTTAB rewrote the application this year with the result that submittals this year are better.

Youth Technology: Andrea Lee reported that she and David Keyes met with the Youth Advisory Council about what kinds of technology they use and the City may hire a TAF intern to help develop a web site. There may be some synergies with the Mayor's town hall for youth in May, as well. Shivani Tejuja volunteered to work on the project.

Franchise renewal: Bill Baron announced that the Comcast hearing on March 30 had a good turnout, with very responsible discussion.

Emerging Technologies: Harry Hart said the committee anticipates having a white paper in September or October about technology issue the City could consider.

Wi-Fi: David said he wants to convene the committee.

5. Cable Office: Tony Perez
We are continuing to work with City Council on the final Comcast franchise legislation, with a vote on April 17 or May 1.
The City is performing its due diligence for the Wave purchase of Millennium Digital Media.
Federal legislation is progressing through the House, and it is not good for local governments. The proposals would eliminate the need for telcos to obtain local franchises and eviscerate consumer protection standards.

6. Board Business
Draft work plan: Maryann asked the board to review and forward to CMs Godden and Della to outline CTTAB's work through March, 2007. Budlong also said that MBA and MPA students at Seattle U. are looking for projects.
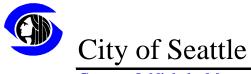Brennick and Tejuja are interested in sustainability and will get this group up and running.
Hart said that he was the recipient of a charity auction lunch with CM Godden and asked if anyone had issues they wished him to raise.
Public comment draft: Hart asked people to review, provide feedback, and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
CTTAB email address: it was suggested that CTTAB have a City email address to receive comments and feedback. Keyes will investigate.
Comcast franchise: Paul Green raised the issue of adding workers' language to the franchise. After some discussion, it was agreed that Paul will work on the issue with Bill Baron.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Department of Information Technology
Bill Schrier, Director and Chief Technology Officer

Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board
Chief Technology Officer's Report
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RE-FRANCHISING OF COMCAST
Will be covered as a separate agenda item in this meeting.   The re-franchising is now before the City Council's Energy and Technology Committee.

WEB WWW.SEATTLE.GOV AND COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- "My Neighborhoods" is now live on www.seattle.gov.   This initiative is also known as SeaStats or Seattle Statistics.   Terry Wittman, program manager, will make a presentation on My Neighborhoods later in the meeting.
- The OnHold music program is gaining a national following. This week we heard from a community technology center in Columbia, SC, that read about OnHold in Brainstorm, our comm'y tech e-zine (which apparently also has a national following), and wants to duplicate it there. The Columbia City Council also is interested in learning more about our community technology program and may send staff here to meet with us.   See also www.seattle.gov/onhold .
- The Rectech Coalition was awarded $377,948 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to implement the Technet Teens project. The project will provide computer-based academic support and technology training to 600 lower-income students at the Delridge, Garfield, Miller, Rainier, Rainier Beach, and South Park community technology centers. This grant enhances the partnership with the Seattle Public School District, Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation, middle-school based Community Learning Centers, and other community agencies to improve the academic achievement of Seattle's lowest performing students. DOIT's Community Technology staff will provide hardware support, Internet service and ongoing technical assistance on the project.
- Technology Matching Fund submissions – see report from David Keyes.

SEATTLE CHANNEL NEWS
The Democracy Portal will receive a PTI solutions award at the PTI Congress in May. Among medium-sized municipalities in the same category, Seattle got the nod for this portal that provides live videostreams of city council meetings and archives videos of meetings and other programs.   See other awards in the article on the last page of this report.

WI-FI PROJECT STATUS
David Keyes of DoIT's Community Technology program has engaged an intern from the Evans School of Public Affairs to work on an evaluation of the City's pilot Wi-Fi projects.